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Right Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:

GREETINGS:

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island incorporates their 146th Semi-Annual Conclave with St. John's Commandery #1 of Providence, Rhode Island, in celebrating their 150th Anniversary of continuous Templar activity, and thereby celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Templar Masonry in America. Letters have been sent to all Commanders in this jurisdiction. Grand Encampment officers and officers of neighboring Grand Commanderies have been invited to attend.

Let's make this a gala celebration --- From now until May, the word is

ON TO PROVIDENCE

146th Semi-Annual Conclave in Providence, Rhode Island, May 10, 1952, joining with St. John's Commandery #1, May 10th and 11th in Parade, Drills, Banquets, Religious Celebration.

Watch for details as sent out by St. John's Commandery.

CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS, 2nd
Grand Commander.

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The 45th Triennial Conclave which as you know, will be held in the City of New Orleans on Sept. 20-26, 1952 inclusive, is going to be held on the grandest scale ever -- perhaps being of a larger magnitude than the famous Triennial Conclave held in New Orleans in the year 1922.

Excerpts from a letter received from the Chairman of Housing Committee, Jan. 28th:

... "This will acknowledge receipt of your request for rooms for the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island." ... "We can assure you that the Chairman of our Hotel Reservation Committee will handle this matter to your entire satisfaction, and at a later date you will receive contracts, etc. for the rooms."

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, NO. 1, K.T.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1952 - REGISTRATION AND TICKETS: Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, from 10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Masonic Temple, 127 Dorrance Street, Providence, R.I. Semi-annual Conclave Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

11:00 A.M. Meeting The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templars Commanders (Past Commanders' Association)

12:00 NOON Lunch - Temple

1:00 P.M. Trip to Newport by bus over Mt. Hope Bridge around the Ten-Mile Drive and stopover at the Vanderbilt Mansion-"The Breakers"-for the ladies

2:00 P.M. Brown Stadium - Competitive Drill

7:00 P.M. Banquet: Rhodes on-the-Pawtuxet (Catered by Seiler)
Dress: Formal - Uniform or Dinner Jackets for Men.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1952

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Templar Breakfast - Garden Restaurant, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel (Continuous serving)

2:30 P.M. Parade and Church Service - Brown Stadium.
Guest Speaker: Rt. Rev. Granville Gaylord Bennett, Bishop of Rhode Island. This service to be televised by W.J.A.R. - TV Channel 11.

ROOMS: Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Dorrance Street, opposite Depot.

Single Room	- $6.00
Double Room (double bed)	- $8.00
Double Room (twin beds)	- $9.00
Corner Rooms	-$12.75
Suites	-$20.50 and $22.50

Parking Lot adjacent to Hotel.

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Several large Masonic events have been held in Boston recently which will show to all interested that Masonry today is willing to show to all that it is the largest and oldest fraternal organization in the world - as evidenced by the Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. annual Ceremonial held in Boston Garden on Thursday evening, January 24, 1952, attended by approximately 10,000 members of the Fraternity. Also, the Ladies Night, sponsored by the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston, which was held in John Hancock Hall on January 29,30 and 31. The program opened at 8:00 PM with a half-hour musical program, followed by the condensed version of "Journey's End" presented by the Massachusetts Consistory Players; then a short reception and collation, to end a most enjoyable evening. Through the grapevine we understand that about 1500 were unable to secure tickets for this three night affair which was witnessed by approximately 1250 persons each night.

We must have the courage to oppose the enemies of our government, our church and this Christian organization which has endowed us with the faith to be zealous in our defense of our liberties - the greatest of which is our free churches.

Let us do all in our power to assist in maintaining that which has brought so much light into the world.

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A mammoth York Rite Nite, sponsored by Worcester County Commandery #5, Hiram Council Eureka Royal Arch Chapter and Worcester Royal Arch Chapter of Worcester, Massachusetts, was held in the Masonic Temple in Worcester on Thursday evening, January 31st.
Speakers were Rt. Em.Charles F.Fairbanks, 2nd, Grand Commander; Most Illustrious & Em. Gardner R. P. Barker, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters; and Most Excellent and Em.Alexander Campbell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
Motion pictures of the Easter Services at Manning Bowl, Lynn, Knight Templar Parade in Melrose, Mass., and the mammoth K.T. Parade in Boston for the Semi-Annual Conclave on May 28, 1950 were shown, followed by a collation.

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JOINT CONCLAVE - GETHSEMANE-DEMOLAY COMMANDERIES

The outstanding event of the Templar Year thus far was held January 22nd and 23rd. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was exemplified Jan. 22nd by Gethsemane Commandery Drill Corps' Cast in full Dramatic Form, under the direction of Em. Sir Harold L. Burr. On January 23rd, the Order of Malta in full Dramatic Form was exemplified by DeMolay Commandery under the direction of Em. Sir Clarence R. Davis. The Cast of both Commanderies certainly did themselves proud in the presentation of the Orders, and it is a credit to the Leadership of both in always being foremost in the exemplification of this impressive work.
More than 60 Candidates were initiated at this Joint Conclave, and the attendance at both Conclaves filled the Asylum.
Activities such as this should be conducted more generally throughout the jurisdiction by neighboring Commanderies in the interests of a closer understanding within our membership and for the general good of the Order. Much credit is due to the progressive leaders of Gethsemane and DeMolay - Em. Sirs Beaudoin and Cary, for their forward thinking. Sir Knights of this type are to be congratulated for the type of administration they are giving their respective Commanderies, and it would behoove others to emulate their example. Reference to the Statistical Page of this TEMPLAR issue will disclose they are leading the Jurisdiction in new Petitions obtained.

BRISTOL COMMANDERY #29
Attleboro, Mass.

On Jan. 4th, Bristol Commandery held an Annual Ladies' Night. More than 300 Sir Knights and Ladies were in attendance and all enjoyed a very fine evening. A number of Grand Officers were present, headed by Very Em.Sir Frederic Kennedy, Deputy Grand Commander. Sir Knight and Honorable Frankland W. L. Miles was the Speaker of the evening, with a very timely message. Excellent musical numbers and monologue impressions were included in the program. At the conclusion, all adjourned to the Banquet Hall where a delicious collation was served. Much credit is due Em. Sir "Al" Herschel, Commander of Bristol Commandery, for his work in putting on such a splendid social event. Bristol Commandery is certainly going places under the progressive leadership of Em. Sir Herschel. Keep up the good work, Al.

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Inspection Date for ST. PAUL'S COMMANDERY of North Adams, Massachusetts, has been changed from May 9th to April 11th.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

Grand Commandery Office has not as yet received the Report of the Christmas Offering and Good Cheer from the following Commanderies:

Washington No. 4
Holy Sepulchre No. 8
Palestine No. 10
Milford No. 11
Old Colony No. 15
Bethany No. 17
Winslow Lewis No. 18
Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25
Narragansett No. 27
Trinity No. 32
Natick No. 33
Olivet No. 36
Ivanhoe No. 46
Sir Galahad No. 52
Winthrop No. 53

May we have these Reports at once?

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Em.Sir Raymond D. Douglass, President of the Past Commanders' Association, informs us that the Past Commanders and their Ladies will attend the Ice Follies in the Boston Garden on Saturday afternoon, February 16th. A most enjoyable afternoon is in store for all.

COMMANDERIES	4 Mos.	Jan.	Tot.
St. Johns	28	8	36
Boston	26	7	33
Newburyport	8	1	9
Washington	0	0	0
Worcester County	14	2	16
Springfield	11	2	13
De Molay	42	3	45
Holy Sepulchre	5	0	5
Pilgrim	0	9	9
Palestine	2	0	2
Milford	0	0	0
St. Bernard	2	3	5
Calvary	11	2	13
Haverhill	5	4	9
Old Colony	5	0	5
Sutton	3	8	11
Bethany	0	0	0
Winslow Lewis	2	2	4
Jerusalem	6	3	9
Hugh de Payens	28	1	29
St. Omer	12	3	15
Berkshire	1	1	2
Conn. Valley	1	2	3
Woonsocket	0	32	32
God. de Bouillon	5	0	5
Joseph Warren	2	1	3
Narraganset	1	2	3
Bristol	10	3	13
Northampton	1	0	1
South Shore	1	3	4
Trinity	2	0	2
Natick	5	0	5
Coeur de Lion	15	4	19
Gethsemane	41	9	50
Olivet	7	0	7
Athol	2	0	2
Bay State	6	4	10
Cyprus	3	0	3
St. Paul	0	1	1
Beauseant	9	0	9
Cambridge	0	1	1
Bethlehem	0	0	0
Orange	2	0	2
Ivanhoe	7	2	9
Quincy	5	1	6
Temple	2	3	5
St. Andrew	9	0	9
Reading	3	1	4
T. Smith Webb	0	4	4
Sir Galahad	2	0	2
Winthrop	0	0	0
Total	352	132	484

ACCUMULATIVE

Month	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Sept.	97	63	52	53	48
Oct.	215	125	144	128	128
Nov.	277	185	185	186	202
Dec.	352	264	270	275	264
Jan.	484	345	391	377	328
Feb.		469	562	477	435

LEADERS

GETHSEMANE	50
DE MOLAY	45
ST JOHNS	36
BOSTON	33
WOONSOCKET	32
HUGH DE PAYENS	29

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Eminent Commanders:

To Em. Sir Edwin A. Farnell, Jr., Commander of Woonsocket Commandery No. 24, we extend congratulations. You have definitely proved that "IT CAN BE DONE" if the Commander has the desire to do it.

This column is very familiar with conditions adverse to the delvelopement of Templar Masonry in the Woonsocket Area, and in spite of all the local problems, which could not possibly be any more difficult in any other territory in this jurisdiction, Ed. Farnell has surmounted them all, truly the accomplishment of one entitled to be known as Eminent Commander.

Nothing we can write would greater emphasize those true words of wisdom, "IT CAN BE DONE" greater than the job Ed Farnell has just turned in from a district which did not have any candidate quota this year.

EM. COM. FARNELL, WE SALUTE YOU!

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Competition continues between Gethsemane and DeMolay, Gethsemane has again taken over. Let's make FEBRUARY THE BEST YET.

Courteously yours,

JOHN B. NAYLOR, Chairman
Membership and Publicity Comm.